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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

NIGHTMARE AT LUNETA Crack policemen take positions as they start their assault on the tourist bus hijacked by a disgruntled ex-policeman armed with a high-powered assault rifle. AFP

Bloodbath at Rizal Park

Gunman, 7 hostages die in 11-hour bus drama

By Marlon Ramos and DJ Yap

ROLANDO Mendoza knew he was not going to come out alive of the bus he had seized with 25 people aboard, mostly Hong Kong Chinese, when SWAT teams began moving toward the van parked in front of Quirino Grandstand as night fell yesterday.

"They are all around," the former police senior inspector demanding reinstatement after he was dismissed on extortion charges two years ago said in Filipino in what was his last radio interview after an 11-hour standoff turned into a bloodbath at Rizal Park under a heavy downpour.

"I know they will kill me, I'm telling them to leave because anytime I will do the same here," said Mendoza, who was armed with an M-16 rifle.

Gunfire rang out moments later before local and international television cameras.

"I shot two Chinese. I will finish them all if they do not stop," he told Radio Mindanao Network. Troops then stormed the bus.

BLOODBATH A4



PHILIPPINE TRAGEDY A paramedic lowers one of the wounded survivors from the hijacked bus at Rizal Park on Monday. AFP



MENDOZA: Multi-awarded cop

Hong Kong gov't issues travel ban: Avoid RP

HONG KONG—Hong Kong issued its top-level black travel alert for the Philippines on Monday after several Hong Kong tourists were killed in Manila in a bus hijack by an armed ex-policeman.

"A serious kidnap incident happened in the Philippines. Hong Kong residents should avoid all travel to the country," a government spokesperson said in a statement.

"Those who are already there should attend to their personal safety and exercise caution."

The Hong Kong government also said on Monday it would charter two flights to Manila for families of tourists held hostage in an 11-hour drama.

Andy Ho, spokesperson for

HONG KONG A4

From decorated police officer to hostage-taker

By Marlon Ramos, DJ Yap and Alcuin Papa

FORMER Senior Insp. Rolando del Rosario Mendoza was a multi-awarded officer who was cited in 1986 by Jaycees International as one of the 10 outstanding policemen of the Philippines.

In January this year, he was ordered sacked by the Office of the Ombudsman together with four other policemen for allegedly extorting P20,000 from Christian Kalaw, a chef at Mandarin Hotel, who was also said to have been forced to swallow a sachet of "shabu" (methamphetamine hydrochloride).

The officers reportedly accosted Kalaw for illegal parking, driving without a license and use of illegal drugs on April 9, 2008, in Manila.

Administrative charges were brought against Mendoza. He

FROM A4

Cop ordered killing, say witnesses

By Nikko Dizon and Mike Mondoy

"ITUMBA NA 'YAN" (Finish him off)."

Witnesses claimed these were the words allegedly uttered by Senior Insp. Joselito Binayug before a suspected robber he supposedly tortured disappeared.

Yesterday police filed a formal complaint of torture against nine of their own, including Binayug, a veteran officer supposedly caught in a cell phone video pulling the genitals of the suspected robber using a length of string.

Also named in the complaint filed with the Department of Justice (DOJ) were Superintendents Rogelio Rosales and Ernesto Tendero, PO3 Joaquin de Guzman, Senior Police Officers 1 Rodolfo Ong, Burt Tagao, Dante Bautista, and Nestor Binayug; PO1 Rex Binayug; and several John Does.

COP ORDERED A6

AI dares Noy to stand up vs torture

By Leila B. Salaverria

AMNESTY International (AI) yesterday challenged President Aquino to take a strong stand against torture and expressed concern he had not done enough to protect human rights in his first weeks in office.

In a statement, the international human rights watchdog said that video footage of a man being tortured supposedly in a Manila police station showed the emptiness of police claims that their men had undergone training in safeguarding human rights.

AI said that the police officers

AMNESTY A6

Mandalay Bay in Vegas smells of 'adobo'



By Ruben V. Nepales
Los Angeles Correspondent

WHY DOES The Mandalay Bay Events Center smell of "adobo"? Because so many Filipinos have turned up to watch Ms. Philippines Venus Raj make her final bid for the Miss Universe 2010 title today.

And that's a giddy Pinoy reporting one of the best-selling jokes from the pageant venue.

MANDALAY A6

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Oil firms cut fuel prices

Enrile: Crack down on errant bus firms

By Gil Cabacungan and Vincent Cabreza, Inquirer Northern Luzon

SENATE PRESIDENT Juan Ponce Enrile, alarmed about the spate of bus crashes over the past two months, yesterday called on the authorities to crack down on "fly-by-night" buses by withdrawing their franchises to operate.





Aquino House allies put off crucial vote on barangay polls

By TJ Burgonio

Citibank vows to pay scammed clients

By Doris C. Dumlao

Warning out on delicious but deadly fish

By Jocelyn R. Uy

De Lima lands in hospital

JUSTICE Secretary Leila de Lima has been hospitalized for pneumonia and extreme fatigue, a Department of Justice (DOJ) official said Monday.

"She has been diagnosed with community-acquired pneumonia and advised to rest because of extreme fatigue. It's a moderate risk, something totally curable," Justice Assistant Secretary Geronimo Sy told reporters.

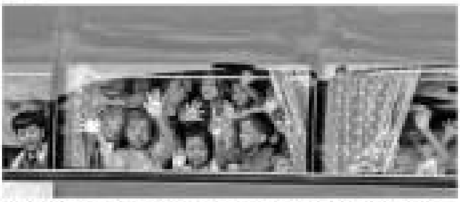
Justice Undersecretary Jose Vicente Salazar has been named officer in charge of the DOJ while De Lima is on sick leave, Sy said.

De Lima has been one of the busiest officials in the Aquino administration—taking part in the formation of the Truth Commission, formulating Malacañang executive orders, fighting human trafficking, reviewing controversial cases such as the Oakwood mutiny and Peninsula Manila siege, and leading the prosecution of [illegible] in the [illegible] murder case.

De Lima, whose birthday is Aug. 27, is confined in a Manila hospital.

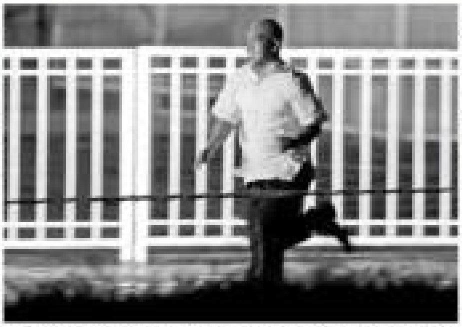
Prior to her appointment to the justice department by President Aquino, she was chair of the Commission on Human Rights in the Arroyo administration. *Nikko Dizon*

What Went Before



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Bloodbath at Rizal Park hostage drama



THE DRIVER

Gov't is 'very sorry'

'Injustice was done on him'

Media blamed for tragic end

'Big mistake'

'No due process'

'He was very upset'

Hong Kong gov't issues travel ban: Avoid RP

From decorated police officer to hostage-taker

Quiet and unassuming

Marcos loot

'We were all happy'

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Fertilizer scam: Lorenzo tags Bolante

By Leila B. Salaverria

Flight, donation, return

No control over funds

Authorization

Recipients' responsibility

Subject to audit

Without malice

COA rule

Text message

Mandalay Bay in Vegas smells of 'adobo'

Mentally prepared

Impressive showing

Chicken food

Cop ordered killing, say witnesses

Fear for Evangelista

Witnesses' story

Anti-Torture Act

More under investigation

No whitewash

Search for Evangelista

AI dares Noy to stand up vs torture

Campaign promise

Prosecute the torturers

Ampatuan protests prosecution's use of his coaccused as witnesses

By Julie M. Aurelio

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Manpower pool, website set up for Guam jobs

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2 GSIS lawyers get back wages

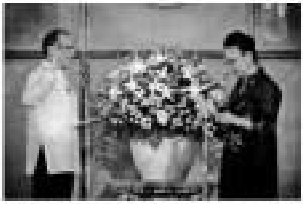
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Lopez heads Pasig body; Noy swears in 35 other execs

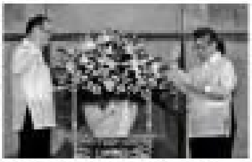
By Christine O. Avendaño



PRESIDENT Aquino beams along with newly sworn in Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission Chair Gina Lopez and her family after the oath-taking ceremony on Monday at the Rizal Ceremonial Hall in Malacañang.



PRESIDENT Aquino swears in Dr. Patricia Licuanan as chair of CHED.



PRESIDENT Aquino swears in Daniel Lacson Jr. as GSIS chair.



PRESIDENT Aquino and new SSS president/CEO Emilio S. de Quiros Jr.

'Logical choice'

Other appointees

GMA allies file ethics case vs Akbayan lawmaker

By TJ Burgonio

Church upset over P-Noy's 'tantamount' support of divorce

By Jocelyn R. Uy

Senate bid to take Ping is court call

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Christine O. Avendaño

No power to cancel warrant

Safety assured

Inappropriate

Return

Boost to administration

Meeting with Dumlao

Hazing victim had big dreams, says ma

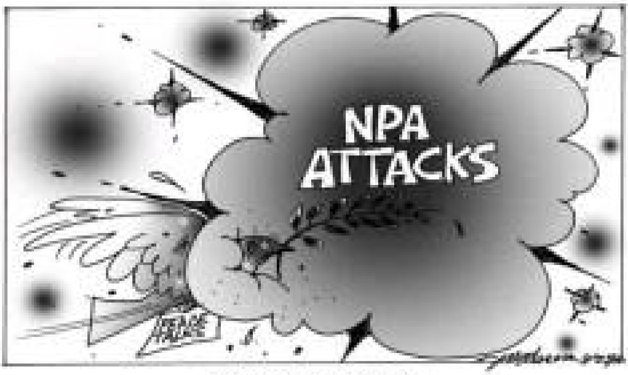
DepEd seeks CHR help on protests

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Illusion of grandeur

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Spurning lessons

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

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Justice

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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Bertie's battle



NO FREE LUNCH

Cielito F. Habito

'Heroes' of the environment



AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

Worth a life



NEWSSTAND

John Nery

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Section I. INVITATION TO BID

True patriots

Adopt, yes, but keep old reliables

Why ERC adopted the PBR system

Gov: Never involved in illegal drugs

Humanely putting dogs to sleep

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Cebu Capitol, Cebu City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID



Across the NATION

Brace for La Niña, local gov'ts told

ENVIRONMENT officials and experts have advised local governments to brace for strong storms and surging floodwaters brought by the erratic La Niña weather phenomenon in the next few months, saying the signs point to a brutal rainy season.

3 models hurt in road accident

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

Court ruling vs cooperative execs clarified



MARKET DEMOLITION

Bacolod execs want another legislative district

Baguio's honorary Japanese consul retires

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

PEOPLE



NEWSBRIEFS

■ ZAMBOANGA CITY

Worker found dead in air base facility

■ MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL

Suspected private army group leader arrested

■ BACOLOD CITY

Teen had suicide notes on Facebook

■ CADIZ CITY

High school student found hanging in hut

■ LAGUNA

Neighbors beat rape suspect with chairs

Editor: Teddyvic E. Melendres
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SPORTS

UAAP axe falls on two refs for Sunday's 'bad calls'

By Jasmine W. Payo

Lions, Stags overwhelm lowly rivals

By Cedelf P. Tupas



Only medal hopefuls may rejoin nat'l pool

By June Navarro

Lady Falcons score, barge into s'finals

By Cedelf P. Tupas





BASKETBALL MADNESS

Former NCAA MVP stars in Rookie Camp

Media-Kamayan Classic stakes Eduque Cup today

Fernando among Singapore Open faves



FERNANDO

Gomez ties Uzbek GM for top spot





Miyazato rules Safeway, bags No. 1 ranking

RP 3-on-3 cage squad salvages 9th

Federer ends 7-month slump

Distress call from Singapore

BARE EYE



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SF ring dual tourney: Suarez, Albania shine

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BEFORE THE STORM
A "kalesa" or horse-drawn carriage carrying tourists around Intramuros, Manila, passes in front of Manila Cathedral. This was before a dismissed policeman took a busload of tourists hostage in Rizal Park.

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

WITH the legal battle war of words.

Former "Wowowee" host Wi have filed on Friday a case for th confirmation" of his move to contract with ABS-CBN, citing grounds" for his action.

The case was raffled off went to the sala of Judge Luisit the Quezon City Regional Tr Branch 84.

In his complaint, Revillame grievances against the Kapamilya His suspension without pay, the cancellation of Wowowee and grading of his program from d daily (or 10 hours weekly) to weekly (or 17 hours less), among

Lawyer Leonard de Vera, lead counsel and spokesperson, the suspension without pay and of his client under probation with the other reasons cited by "valid grounds" for him to contract with the TV network.

His lawyers said ABS-CBN have to go to court because it him to the contract until its exp

TRO

BS-CBN to court

Sept. 11, 2011.

Revillame himself said that ABS-CBN turned its back on its pledge to reinstate him on July 31—an agreement he reached after talks with network officials like Linggit Tan and Charo Santos-Concio.

Apart from confirming the termination of his contract, he asked the court to award him P5 million in moral damages, P5 million in exemplary damages, lawyers' fees of P1 million as well as P500,000 for litigation costs.

Reached for comment, Bong Osorio, ABS-CBN head of Corporate Communications, told the Inquirer: "We haven't received a copy of the case filed by Revillame. We will issue a statement as soon as we get the details of the case."

Osorio, however, pointed out: "If it is about his contract with ABS-CBN, we would like to reiterate that [he] was the one who violated the behavioral provisions of his contract and thus has no right to have it unilaterally invalidated."

In an earlier statement, Osorio asserted that the Kapamilya network was standing by its earlier pronouncements that "there was no agreement between ABS-CBN and Revillame that he would return to the show on July 31."

Asked whether GMA 7 was negotiating with Revillame, Felipe Gozon, president, chair and CEO of the Kapuso channel, told the Inquirer: "Not yet. There have been inquiries but no negotiation."

ABS-CBN has officially responded to the allegations as reported on the network's primetime newscast "TV Patrol" on Friday and in an official statement released the day after.

Presented on the news program was a letter that was drafted by the network's lawyers and addressed to Revillame.

According to the report, the letter noted that "there was no agreement" between the

REVILLAME A18

15 QC barangays under close watch for dengue cases

Blame it on the rains; West Tower basement still flooded, says fire official

11 more APO members charged with Makati City student's hazing death

INVITATION TO BID

The Old Boys Club mentality

On Target
Ramon Tulfo



Revillame . . .

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MetroBriefs

Korean missionary shot dead

Grenade found in school toilet

Religious women's annual meet

INVITATION TO BID

Karzai admits helping free aide accused of graft



KARZAI

NY mosque plan draws protesters on both sides



China may scrap death penalty for some crimes

More killings in Venezuela than in Iraq

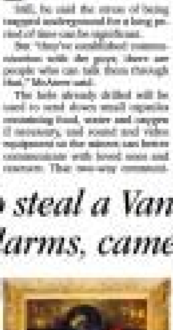
NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMITS (AEPS)

The WORLD



33 trapped Chile miners found alive after 17 days, but stuck until Christmas

How to steal a Van Gogh: Faulty alarms, cameras help



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Economy grew 5.9-6.9% in 2nd quarter

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PESO-DOLLAR RATE

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STOCK MARKET

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Stocks hit 31-month high

Impact of drought offset by election spending

THE PHILIPPINE economy likely grew by 5.9 to 6.9 percent in the second quarter largely due to the overall global recovery as well as improvement in investor and consumer confidence in the Philippines, Economic Planning Secretary Cayetano W. Paderanga Jr. said yesterday.

Go public, gov't urges power companies





Cotabato LGU to review ban on open-pit mining

Silver lining for Tampakan

Trading in extraordinary times

MARKET RIDER

DFNN offers unit's stake to British firm

Go public ...

Economy grew ...

Stocks hit 31-month high

Philippine Stock Exchange

Currencies

Strong demand marks sale of treasury bills

Gov't seen to favor issuance of longer term securities

SMC, Aboitiz subsidiaries secure tax perks from BOI

Apex trims losses in first half

Traders now enjoy more access to credit

Firm heaves a sigh over repay plan





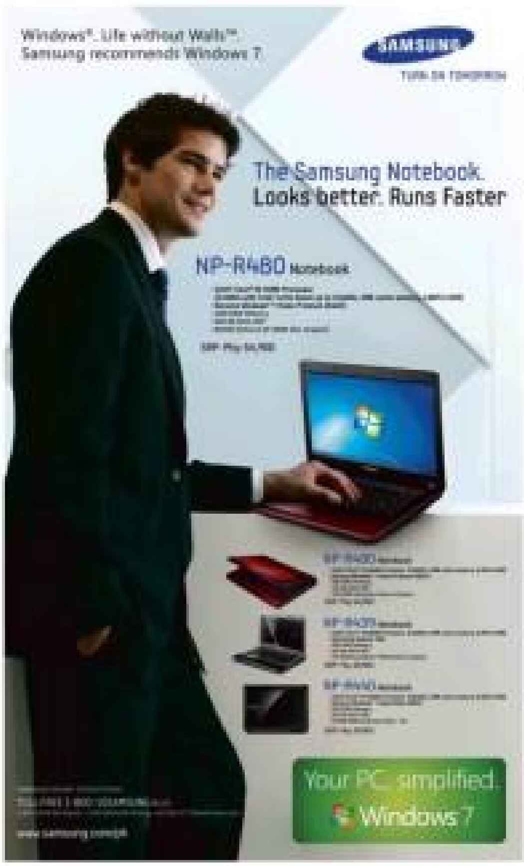
Business

Outsourcing sector still on growth path

But concerns over tight labor mart raised

Suyen invests ₱710M in 'green' office building

Smart phone sales up, firm says



LIFESTYLE Wellness



SPAHOLICS

How 'lomi lomi' heals negative emotions



THE MERE thought of Hawaii conjures images of pristine beaches, lush tropical greens and an idyllic vacation spot. But aside from breathtaking scenic spots, Hawaii is also home to one of the world's ancient ways of healing and relaxation.

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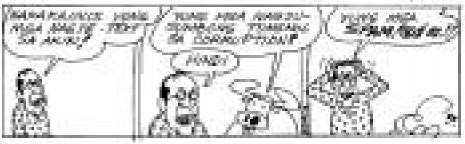




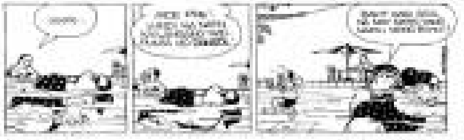
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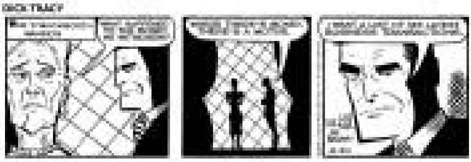
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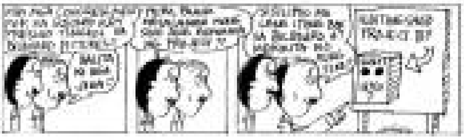
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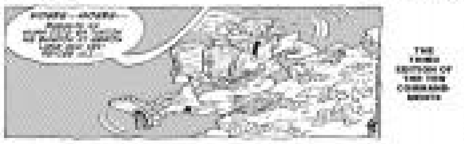
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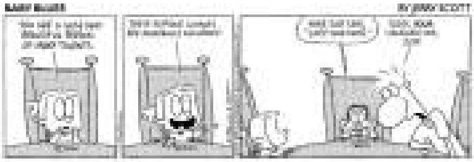
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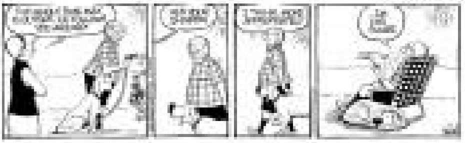
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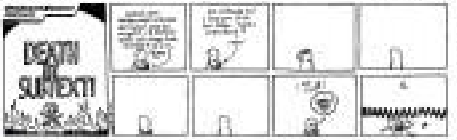
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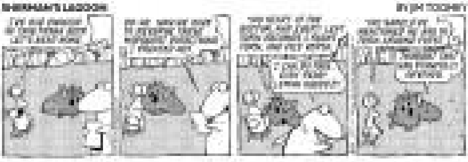
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Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Tips and programs at www.sudoku.com

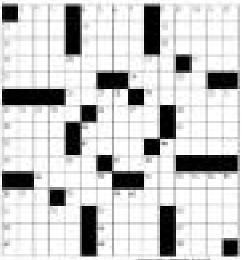
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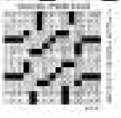
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





Is one's illness due to past life memory?

INNER AWARENESS

Jaime T. Licauco



IT MAY be true that most illnesses suffered by human beings are caused by physical organisms like germs, bacteria, viruses (called pathogens), or dust, pollens, certain foods (called allergens); or cancer-producing materials ... or simply by stress and other psychosomatic factors.

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Hypnotic regression

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SRR class

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NOTE: The Inner Awareness ... scheduled for Aug. 28 has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

Rheumatoid arthritis patient gets her health, life back

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Rheumatoid arthritis

[illegible]

Sad place

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Happy days

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Tocilizumab

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Roche

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PERSONAL-CARE AND BEAUTY SHOP OPENING [illegible]

Special Feature

ARTHRITIS Q&A

by Percy P. Tan, M.D., FPCP, FPRA



Q. [illegible]

A. [illegible]

The Medical City introduces first sleep disorder monitor in the country

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Virgin coconut oil mixed with 'sampaguita' and 'ylang-yalang' helps relieve stress

INSIDE OUT

Cory Quirino

Nutritional info

Relax or languish

Beauty mask



KADAYAWAN showcases the cultural and historical heritage of Davao's tribes.

Davao mall celebrates Kadayawan

Congress on natural health

Video contest

Maya Kitchen classes

RP showcase at Prague Quadrennial



ENTERTAINMENT

David Foster, Charice at the Big Dome







Life goes on for Pinoy musicians



'Best singer of her generation'

REVIEW





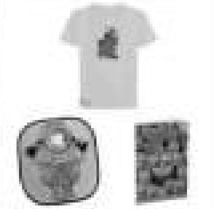
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2 CHLOE
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STARMILLS

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IMUS

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ANGELES

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TACLOBAN

1 THE LAST AIRBENDER
2 IN YOUR EYES
3 GROWN UPS

DUMAGUETE

1 GROWN UPS
2 THE LAST AIRBENDER
3 IN YOUR EYES

BACOLOD

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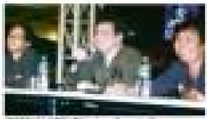
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'SESSIONISTAS' judges Francis Reyes, Andre Soler and Chickay Para

Tips for winning 'Sessionistas 2010'

THE JUDGES from man Chickay Para, now on his fourth year as a judge for "Sessionistas," the annual college band contest of the Greenhills Shopping Center, reveals what it takes to win the competition.

"Playing ability isn't the only basis. In fact, what matters most sometimes is the friendship among the band members when they perform," he says.

Parokya ni Edgar as example

At someone who has seen bands get famous and then break up, Para points to Parokya ni Edgar to illustrate his point. "Parokya's members were already friends before they became a band, and that's reflected when they're onstage, and in the songs they produce together, even if their playing ability is limited," he explains.

But not all bands get like Parokya, admits Para, and they differ in their potential. "There are those who go for a pop sound, there are some who like rock, others prefer hardcore. They all deserve a fair listen, and a fair judgment."

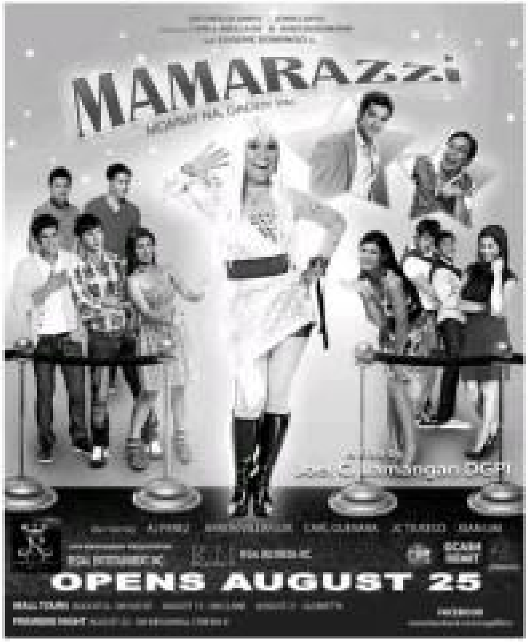
Sense of abandon

Rockers, however, have one quality that should never be amiss when they perform, says Para. "Have a sense of abandon when you're onstage. Play your heart out and let it rip, because you might never get another chance. Of course, I think you always need to adopt that kind of attitude in whatever discipline you're in."

Elimination

Preliminary screenings for "Sessionistas 2010" are ongoing this month, with nine finalist bands set to play for Para and the rest of the judges at the start of [illegible] on Sept. 3.

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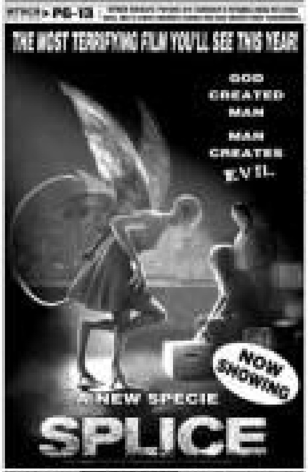




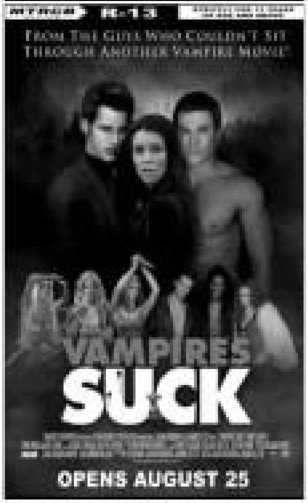


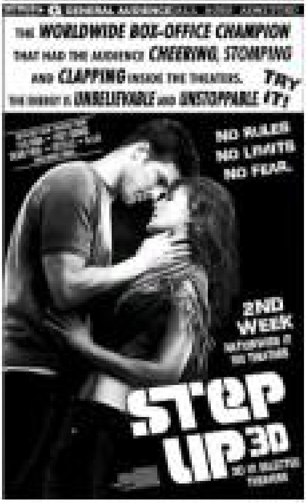














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